

Your 3 platform concept is flawed. What prevents my ILEC from also controlling wireless broadband internet access to my home. Wireless broadband internet access is not widely deployed, therefore, only a very select few would could at the very most have three choices. In reality under your proposal most americans would only have two choices. Redefining broadband as an information service would only serve to benefit the RBOC's by removing the unbundling requirements of the 1996 Telecommunication. It would also remove some of the incentives for the RBOC's to continuing to open their other markets to competition. As far back as the beginnign of November 2000, friends working for Verizon told me their company was not going to deploy broadband to remote terminals until legislation was passed that removed the requirements to unbundle network elements at the remote terminals. The kicker in this case is that HR1542 (Tauzin/Dingle) was introduced in the House of Representatives on April 24th, 2001. Verizon made their decision a full six months before the legislation was introduced. Now that there is oposition to HR1542 it seems Mr Powell is willing to try an circumvent the law to aid the RBOCs. This proposal serves only to kill competition.